

**CASCO BAY ISLAND TRANSIT DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF**

**April 24, 2024**

**56 Commercial Street, Portland, ME**

**In Person/Video Conference/Phone**

**\*Video of entire meeting is online**

|                          | <b>Webex</b> | <b><u>Attendance</u><br/>In Person</b> | <b>Phone</b> | <b>Absent</b> |
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| <b><i>Directors:</i></b> |              |  |              |               |
| Crowley                  |              | X                                      |              |               |
| Belesca                  |              | X                                      |              |               |
| Donovan                  |              | X                                      |              |               |
| Hoffman                  |              | X                                      |              |               |
| Luedke                   |              | X                                      |              |               |
| Cohen                    |              | X                                      |              |               |
| Cooper                   |              | X                                      |              |               |
| Geary                    |              | X                                      |              |               |
| Crowley                  |              | X                                      |              |               |
| Needelman                |              | X                                      |              |               |
| Pizey                    |              | X                                      |              |               |
| Radis                    | X            |  |              |               |
| Lavanture                |              | X                                      |              |               |

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| <b><i>Staff:</i></b> |   |   |  |  |
| C. Gildart           |   | X |  |  |
| Mavodones            |   | X |  |  |
| Pottle               | X |   |  |  |
| Bowie                |   | X |  |  |
| Bryand               |   | X |  |  |
| Bishop               |   | X |  |  |
| Mills                | X |   |  |  |

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| <b><i>Public:</i></b> |   |   |  |  |
| Lynn Heineman         | X |   |  |  |
| Ross Sneyd            |   | X |  |  |
| Call In User          | X |   |  |  |
| Call In User          | X |   |  |  |
| Ann Wheeler           | X |   |  |  |
| Lanie Remick          | X |   |  |  |
| Tom Lucke             | X |   |  |  |
| Chris Hoppin          | X |   |  |  |
| Peter Eckel           | X |   |  |  |
| Gary Fox              |   | X |  |  |
| Paul Necrosius        |   | X |  |  |
| Robin Clark           |   | X |  |  |

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| Michelle Winchester |  | X |  |  |
| John Whitman        |  | X |  |  |
| Ann Whitman         |  | X |  |  |
| Jan Brown           |  | X |  |  |

***Guests:***

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President Crowley called the meeting to order at 7:46 AM.

Crowley requested that Agenda Item 4d be taken out of order.

Lavanture outlined in detail the process and content for the proposed rate increase.

Crowley opened the item to public, first to those in the room followed by those online.

Gary Fox (Peaks) likes the proposal. He does have concerns for visiting family members.

Paul Necrosius (Peaks) supports the proposal. He also shares the same concerns for family members. He also asked if bicycle pass is included.

Robin Clark (Peaks) is opposed to the proposal. She has a proposal that would raise about \$500,000 from Peaks that includes maintaining a commuter book.

Michelle Winchester (Peaks) is overall in favor; however, suggests continuing to look at option for those groups disadvantaged by loss of commuter book.

John Whitman (Peaks) supports proposal and notes it is long overdue.

Ann Whitman (Peaks) fully supports proposal.

Jan Brown (Peaks) is concerned about families with kids and elderly.

Ann Wheeler (Great Diamond) is not for or against. Worried that summer residents are not aware of this proposal and that day trippers with bicycles will realize it will be cheaper to buy a monthly pass as long as they use it three times per month.

Lanie Remick (Peaks) fully supports proposal.

Tom Lucke (Diamond Cove) supports and notes it's an excellent proposal.

Chris Hoppin (Peaks) supports proposal 100%.

Peter Eckel (Peaks) fully supports.

Following public comment, Board questions, comment and discussion commenced.

Cooper pointed out he planned to introduce an amendment aimed at the addition of an "island book" in order to address public feedback. Radis stated he was interested in a \$12 rate instead of \$14, revisiting in 18 months and the "island family book" concept. There was considerable discussion regarding this concept.

Crowley opened up for amendments.

Radis offered an amendment to replace \$14 rate with \$12 rate during the summer. Cooper seconded. Board comment followed. The amendment failed 2-9 (Cooper and Radis in minority)

Radis offered an amendment to add a formal Board review of this proposal after 18 months. Donovan seconded. The amendment failed 1-10 (Radis in minority)

Lavanture offered an amendment to rationalize the child rate (under five free and five to 17 at child's rate) in Section 121 of the tariff. Donovan seconded. The amendment passed unanimously.

Lavanture offered an amendment that the effective date of implementation be June 1<sup>st</sup>. Donovan seconded. The amendment passed unanimously.

Lavanture noted she plans to bring the "pilot" concept to the Board in May as a Board function (not part of the tariff).

Cooper offered an amendment to reinstate commuter book type fare option called an "island/family book" that can be purchased without restriction, with 30 day expiry, priced at \$40 per book during peak season, \$32.50 per book during offseason, with five ticket quantify. Pizey seconded. The amendment failed 2-9 (Cooper and Radis in the minority)

The main motion, as amended, passed 1-10 (Cooper in the minority). Crowley noted that Cohen, who had to leave the meeting early, had indicated she would have voted against if she was able to stay.

Mavodones apologized as he failed to include financial statements and minutes in backup up materials.

Crowley asked for a motion on Agenda Item 4a. Mavodones outlined that this is a routine annual item. Donovan made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the District's President, Treasurer and General Manager to open bank accounts, sign checks and perform other necessary banking and financial transactions. Radis seconded. The motion passed unanimously of those present.

Crowley asked for a motion on Agenda Item 4b. Mavodones outlined that this is a routine annual item. Belesca made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the District's

President and General Manager to apply, prepare, file, execute and approve draw down for grants. Donovan seconded.

Hoffman proposed an amendment to add "in accordance with Board approved Budgets and Capital Plans." Cooper seconded. Donovan expressed concern that this might hamstring the operation. Considerable Board discussion followed on this item. Belesca moved to postpone this item to the May meeting. Lavanture seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Hoffman provided an update on the Search Committee. The Committee meets weekly and is working with search consultant ProSearch. Hoffman outlined process. There have been seven interviews to date. The Committee and certain staff members recently interviewed one semifinalist candidate. A second semifinalist interview was scheduled; however, that candidate withdrew. Donovan requests comments/suggestions from Board members.

Donovan provided an update on Operations Committee work. Luedke expressed concern with a proposed schedule that was disseminated by President Crowley. Crowley disagreed. Crowley asked for Board comment on Luedke's concern. Donovan indicated he agreed with Luedke.

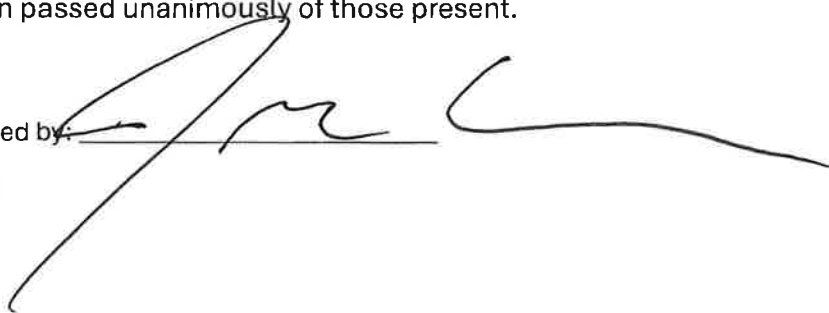
There were no public or Board comments concerning items not on the agenda.

Donovan requested staff put together an operations report and disseminate. Mavodones said that would be done.

Needleman moved to adjourn. Donovan seconded. The vote was unanimous of those present. The motion passed unanimously of those present.

Respectfully submitted by:

James Luedke, Clerk

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. Luedke', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.